

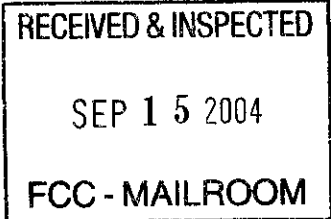
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
**Interstate Access Support - IAS**  
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Big Bend Telephone Co., Inc., will use its **Universal Service Interstate Access Support - IAS** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area listed below.

Big Bend Telephone Co., Texas, Study Area 2039

Signed,

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President

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